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Quantico Train Robbery More Extensive Than at First Reported.

WAS IT A BAND OF COXEYITES?

The Seven Robbers Merely
Chatted with Passengers,
Offering No Violence.

EXPRESS CAR ALONE ROBBED
Badly Shattered by Dynamite, Rolls Into Jersey City Early This Morning.

Train No. 78, north-bound, which was held up last night on the Richmond-Fredricksburg and Potomac Railroad, reached the Pennsylvania Depot at Jersey City at 8.05 this morning, bringing with it a badly shattered express car No. 214.

The Adams Express Company's messengers left the train and proceeded at once to the Company's office in this city. They reported that all of their safe were rifled by the robbers. It is supposed that the bandits obtained between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

When the express car, which is or

W. belonging to the Atlantic Coast Division, was side-tracked, passenger W. passers-by and trainmen gathered J. around to examine a spectacle unique hn- in the history of railroading in this locality.

The heavy oak door of the car had been splintered by the dynamite used by the robbers, and, in addition, the marks left by the revolver bullets as they ploughed their way through the woodwork of the car were plainly visible.

Every pane of glass in the window of the car had been fractured by the force of the explosion, and small fragments were still scattered over the floor of the car.

The officials of the Adams Express Company in charge of the car at the depot claimed that only the pouches and safes had been ransacked, the other packages in the car remaining intact. The passengers who witnessed the hold-up, however, testified that Washington and Philadelphia, but not New York, completed the journey to New York.

Passenger Shakedown's story

Trainmen were, as usual, reticent about discussing the affair. But Corbin M. Shackleford, a newspaper man, gave up on board the train at the station, gave out his story in the manner in which the robbers secured their plunder and made their escape. Mr. Shackleford's story was picked up by the Newark (N. J.) Journal, and it was connected with The Times-Enterprise by the state, who told the following story:

"About seven or eight miles to the west of the station, the train came to a sudden standstill. Quantico station, you know, is located on the Potomac River, in Virginia on the side. When the train stopped, the conductor, M. A. Birdsong, was thus addressed by one of the masked robbers: 'Give us the cash, or we'll blow you. Throw up your hands, or we'll blow your brains out.'"

ranched the signals for stopping the train, as well as the manner in which the train was stopped. It was evident that several members of the gang were experienced railroad men, and that the desperate men were even more evident, and the conductor and the fireman lost no time in obeying the instructions, and wisely, too, I guess.

There were at least six or seven masked men, and I could plainly distinguish the faces in the darkness of the early evening; in fact, so near did they come to me that in spite of the darkness I could see their faces, and recognize some of them if I could see them again, from certain little peculiarities of their faces.

Some of the passengers were alarmed, passengers crowded out of the cars to see what was the matter there, and I saw that the men could not intimidate them as well as to stop the railroad men.

How Open the Country Is

"The robbers lifted the express car without loss of time. They cut the sticks of dynamite under the door of the express car and blew it open.

"The engineer is a man named Frank Gail. He has been on the road as long as he can remember. The railroad men tell me, but two or three of the villains attended to the engineer. One of them told him that he was to be sent to the express men. The other two attended to the express men. One of them told another one or two kept guard on passengers and train.

"The passengers were sent as far as to converse in a clever, daring fashion with the passengers and the trainmen. This made us all the more indignant, but we could do nothing to help. The passengers were all very cool and collected after the first

flush of the excitement was over. I remember it struck me as being a humorous thing that we found out after the examination of all our pockets, that we had only one pistol to the entire crew, and that a little bit of one, and the rest of the crew would have been left at all when the owner of it tried to discharge it at the robbers as they disappeared in the darkness.

"I remember that I was so laughable a man that I was the only one who was the incident of one woman who had a little diamond-studded watch. She tried to get her husband to swallow it in order to keep it from the robbers, and attempt the preservation of the watch in that fashion."

"The most novel thing in the entire episode was the way in which the robbers made their escape. They cut